

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-F-15-07

Issued at Haines, Friday, July 13, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M.  
Monday, July 16, 2007

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Friday,  
August 31, 2007. Unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order No.1-KS-F-07-07, issued June 1, 2007, and establishes a bag and possession limit for all anglers (both Alaska residents and nonresidents) of three king salmon with no size limit and no annual limit (for nonresidents) in the terminal salt waters of Taiya Inlet near Skagway. This action is implemented to harvest surplus hatchery produced king salmon returning to Pullen Creek and is effective 12:01 A.M., Monday, July 16 through 11:59 P.M, Tuesday, July 31, 2007. This emergency order also closes the saltwater area off the mouth of Pullen Creek to sport fishing effective 12:01 A.M., Monday, July 16 through 11:59 P.M, Friday, August 31, 2007, to allow king salmon to enter the stream for brood stock needs.

### REGULATION:

Emergency Order No.1-KS-F-07-07 is rescinded. Consistent with the stipulations within 5 AAC 47.055 Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan, the provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(c)(4&5) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 A.M., Monday, July 16 through 11:59 P.M. Friday, August 31, 2007.

#### **5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.**

##### **(c) In the Haines/Skogway vicinity:**

- (4) the salt waters of Taiya Inlet north of the latitude of Taiya Point, except as provided in (5) of this subsection, from 12:01 A.M., Monday, July 16 through 11:59 P.M, Tuesday, July 31, 2007,
  - (A) the bag and possession limit is three king salmon; no size limit;
  - (B) the nonresident annual limit for king salmon does not apply;
- (5) the salt waters of Taiya Inlet north of a line extending from a department marker on the Railroad Dock, to a department marker on the Ore Terminal Dock, and including the area off the mouth of Pullen Creek, are closed to sport fishing from 12:01 A.M., Monday, July 16 through 11:59 P.M., Friday, August 31, 2007;

Denby S. Lloyd  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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**JUSTIFICATION:**

Hatchery produced king salmon resulting from releases at Pullen Creek are expected to return to Taiya Inlet in excess to broodstock needs. Regulations changing bag and possession limits are therefore modified according to provisions in 5 AAC 47.055 (k) and 5 AAC 75.003 (2)(B) to allow harvest of these excess king salmon by sport anglers. The provisions liberalizing bag and possession limits in this emergency order are the same as previously established under Emergency Order No.1-KS-F-07-07.

Although king salmon returning from Pullen Creek releases are expected in excess of broodstock needs fish passage into the creek is limited to specific tidal stages. King salmon destined for Pullen Creek are vulnerable to sport anglers while they hold in salt water until a sufficient high tide permits them to migrate through the culvert at the Pullen Creek Outlet. The Pullen Creek brood stock collection goal was not met in 2006. The increased duration and expansion of the area previously closed to sport fishing by Emergency Order No.1-KS-F-07-07 is needed to allow sufficient numbers of king salmon to enter Pullen Creek for brood stock needs. Failure to collect adequate broodstock in Pullen Creek this year would result in a smaller number of hatchery king salmon available to Taiya Inlet anglers in future years.

**PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:**

Emergency Order No.1-KS-F-07-07, issued June 1, 2007 which established a bag and possession limit for all anglers of three king salmon with no size limit and no annual limit in the salt waters of Taiya Inlet.

It also closed the saltwater area off the mouth of Pullen Creek to sport fishing to allow king salmon to enter the stream for brood stock needs. This emergency order was effective 12:01 A.M., Monday, June 4 through 11:59 P.M. Tuesday, July 31, 2007.

**DISTRIBUTION:** The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270 and at the Haines/Skagway Area Office, P.O. Box 330, Haines, AK 99827, (907) 766-2625.